

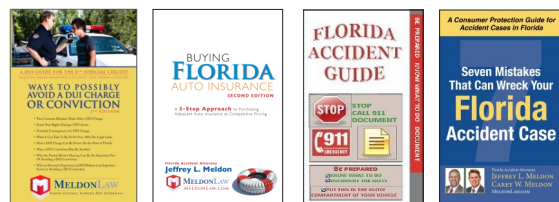
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Happy Holidays From The Meldon Law Family!

From all of us at the Meldon Law Firm, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season! A special thank you to all of those who subscribed to our newsletter. We look forward to continuing this informative publication in 2019!



Quotes of the Month

"How did it get so late so soon?"

-Dr. Suess

There is October in every November and there is November in every December!

All seasons melted into each other's life!"

-Mehmet Murat Ildan

"Lighten up, just enjoy life, smile more, laugh more, and don't get so worked up about things."

-Kenneth Branagh

Jokes of the Month

How does the Man in the Moon cut his hair? Eclipse it!

What do snowmen like to do on the weekend? Chill out!

What do you get if you cross an iPad with a Christmas tree? A pineapple!

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Tom Petty Lives On

The University of Florida football team has adopted the well known Tom Petty song "I Won't Back Down" as their new rallying call to be played at the break between the third and fourth quarter of every UF home game. On November 10, 2018 Tom's brother and his family were honored at the UF-South Carolina football game which Florida won 35-31 with an amazing comeback that started one minute before the fans rocked out to "I Won't Back Down". The Gators were behind 31-14 and scored a touchdown just before the third quarter ended and Steve Spurrier Field was getting excited. When the sound system blared the new theme song, the energy among the fans in the stands was overwhelming. Everyone sang the lyrics in unison while South Carolina fans and players listened in amazement.

*Well I won't back down, No I won't back down
 You can stand me up at the gates of hell
 But I won't back down
 No I'll stand my ground, won't be turned around
 And I'll keep this world from draggin' me down
 Gonna stand my ground and I won't back down
 Hey baby, there ain't no easy way out
 I won't back down
 Hey I will stand my ground
 And I won't back down.*



Jeffrey, Bruce Petty (Tom's Brother), and Meldon Law Chief Investigator Chris Qualmann tailgating at the South Carolina—Florida football game.

Although Tom died on October 2, 2017, his legacy is well intact. On October 19th and 20th, Gainesville, Florida celebrated their favorite son of rock n' roll with the second annual Tom Petty birthday bash at Heartwood Studios, First Magnitude Brewing Company, and Gainesville's Depot Park. The climax for the weekend celebration took place when the best Tom Petty tribute band in the world, "Heavy Petty", took the stage for a 2.5 hour set of memorable Tom Petty hits.

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Thank You For Your Referral:

Kendra Wallace is one of our favorite clients. She recently referred a case to the Meldon Law team, knowing that it would be handled with the utmost professionalism. As a thank you for thinking of us when making this referral, we will be making a donation to a charity of her choice.

-The Meldon Law Team



Community Events

A Christmas Carol

December 1st-22nd, 2018

@ The Hippodrome Theatre, Gainesville, FL
Share the joy and tradition of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The perfect way to spend time with your loved ones at the holidays. A lively look at a classic tale, enjoy this holiday tradition at the only place in Florida where it's guaranteed to snow each winter season.



Holiday Lights At Ravine Gardens

Saturday, December 15th, 2018, 5PM-9PM

@ Ravine Gardens State Park

Join us as our historic Court of States is transformed into a winter wonderland with "snow", music, dancing, lights and kids' games. Located inside the civic center, there will be face painting and a special "Cookies with Santa" program.



Belinda's Traditional Holiday Cookies

Sugar Cookies:

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Mix softened butter with white sugar
3. Pour in the flour and mix again
4. Mix in baking soda, baking powder, and vanilla extract
5. Beat in egg
6. Form the mix into balls and place onto cookie sheet
7. Bake 7-10 minutes in preheated oven
8. After cooking, wait two minutes for them to cool. Enjoy!



Chocolate Chip Cookies:

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 7 tablespoons granulated white sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 2 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Mix butter with the brown and white sugar
3. Add flour
4. Beat and add egg
5. Add vanilla, salt, and baking soda
6. Add the chocolate chips and mix
7. Form mix into balls and place onto cookie sheet
8. Bake for 8-20 minutes
9. Let cool for two minutes and enjoy!



Belinda has been working at Meldon Law for over 3 years as the Director of Communications/Legal Assistant. We are very lucky to have her!

Help Meldon Law Spread Holiday Cheer!

During the Holiday Season, Meldon Law likes to help those who could use a little gift to brighten their spirits and make the Holidays a little happier for everyone. This year we have decided to give away 75 Gift Certificates (to the first 75 people who contact us) to Harry's Seafood Bar and Grille in Gainesville and Ocala in the amount of \$25 each to anyone who needs a little extra holiday cheer. All you have to do is email or call us with the name and address of someone who needs a little present this year and we will take care of the rest. Everyone including our readers are eligible. You can email [Joshua Howard](mailto:jhoward@meldonlaw.com) at jhoward@meldonlaw.com or call the office at (800)-373-8000. Meldon Law owes so much to all of you who have helped us make 2018 a prosperous year, and we want to send our special thanks to everyone who has been part of our success. May you and your loved ones have a happy and healthy new year.



Sincerely,

Jeffrey Meldon and the Meldon Law Team



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The band's lead singer, guitarist and organizer [Jason Hedges](#), brought out many guest musicians from other bands that had played the event to sing along and pay tribute to one of the best rock n' roll figures of our time, Gainesville, Florida's own, Tom Petty. Don't miss next years Tom Petty birthday bash on October 18th and 19th, 2019. Just go to www.tompettybirthdaybash.com to get more information about how to get tickets for this fabulous over the top weekend and join people from all over the world in attendance.



Sarah Hedges, Jason Hedges, Chris Qualmann, and Jeffrey enjoying the Gators' 63-10 win against Idaho.



Welcoming Back our Meldon Law / WCJB TV-20 Scholar Athletes of the Week!

Meldon Law has sponsored the **Scholar Athlete Program** since 1997. Every week of the school year a high school senior in the North Central Florida area is chosen as the Scholar-Athlete of the Week and given a \$100 scholarship and a plaque.

At the end of the school year we hold a banquet for all the winners and their families. Last year nearly 200 people attended the Scholar Athlete Banquet where one male and one female are chosen as **The Scholar Athletes of the Year**.

The winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship plus a beautiful glass trophy commemorating their achievement. Starting in 2003 the Meldon Law Firm teamed up with **WCJB TV-20** to promote the event widely on **TV-20**.

Melissa Sacher is on the varsity **Cross Country Team at Buchholz High School** and takes classes at Santa Fe College. She has been an inspiration to all of her teammates by holding an outstanding **4.8 GPA**. Melissa would like to study Animal Science at the University of Florida and eventually enroll in the UF Veterinary program.

Wyatt Hammond is a talented two-sport athlete for **Chiefland High School**. He has managed to maintain an impressive **3.5 GPA** while playing both football and baseball. Wyatt's ability to focus on both sports and his schoolwork makes him an excellent role model for his teammates.

Melissa Brown is a very impressive athlete on the **Gainesville High School Volleyball Team**. She has maintained a brilliant **4.975 GPA** all while being the team captain, taking Cambridge classes, and Dual Enrolling at the University of Florida. Melissa would like to pursue a career in the medical field.

To nominate someone for Scholar Athlete of the Week, make sure he or she has at least a 3.0 GPA, is a major contributor in his or her sport, and a high school senior. Call in or email nominations to **Elgin Rucker** at (352) 416-0646 or email him at erucker@wcjb.com.